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Dear Mr. Russell:

I am pleased to submit for your review and consideration, the 1985-86 Annual Report of your Advisory Committee on Further Education.

We held eight public meetings this past year. To enable the Committee to better serve you, and to facilitate public participation in more remote communities, the Committee divided into two sub-committees to receive briefs at meetings. The Committee as a whole met to formulate the recommendations presented in this Report.

We were very impressed by the quality of the briefs and the innovative ideas expressed for improving our further education system. The dedication of those involved in further education is evident in the effectiveness of the present system. Of this we can be proud.

There is of course in any system a need for change or improvement to respond to the times. People working in the field, on the front-line, are in a good position to identify the needs. This Report reflects that practical input which is combined with workable recommendations from your Committee. In the Executive Summary, the briefs are grouped according to issues to clarify emphasis on areas of concern.

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Your Committee respectfully requests your considered attention to these recommendations, and looks forward to meeting with you in the fall to discuss these and other issues.

Yours truly,

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INTRODUCTION

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In 1985/86, the Minister's Advisory Committee on Further Education travelled to the more remote areas of the province. The Committee felt that there was a need to view further educational needs in these areas, and examine how these needs are being met by the present mechanisms utilized in the provision of further education programs.

In order for the Committee to effectively cover various areas of the province it was necessary to split the Committee into two sub-committees. Committee members were randomly selected for each public meeting at the begining of the 1985-86 year. This enabled the Advisory Committee to receive submissions from a greater number of communities within the province, and reduce the support necessary for each individual public meeting. The briefs and verbal presentations received over the course of the year were examined and extensively discussed at a private meeting of the Committee as a whole.

In October, 1985, the Committee held a public meeting in the Red Deer region in conjunction with the Fall Alberta Association for Continuing Education Workshop. The Committee next held public meetings in the Lloydminster and Wainwright region in February of 1986. In April, the Committee travelled to five communities to hold public meetings - Fort McMurray, Fort Chipewyan, Edson, Hinton, and Jasper. The Jasper public meeting was again held in conjunction with an Alberta Association for Continuing Education conference.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the hospitality of the people who received the Committee in the past year. We were very well received in all communities, and impressed by the high quality of educational opportunities and community inventiveness that was in progress under difficult circumstances. Despite problems of distance, limited personnel and resources, it is obvious that Further Education has many innovative practitioners in Alberta.

Many themes and issues were discussed at the public meetings held by the Committee in 1985-86. The most often expressed concern dealt with the issue of adequate administrative funding for Further Education Councils. A number of Further Education Councils have requested that administrative and programming grants be blended to allow

local Councils more flexibility in meeting the needs of the community. These requests have been received at public meetings, as well as by letter. The Committee proposes that consideration be given to increasing the funds available to meet administrative costs by blending the administrative and programming grants, or by lifting the grant ceilings.

The Committee also wishes to acknowledge the vital contributions made to adult education in the province by volunteers. Volunteerism has been a basic ingredient to the success of the Further Education program and without such assistance, thousands of rural Albertans would have been unable to take advantage of organized part-time educational courses. The coordinating and facilitating role of Alberta Advanced Education, together with the services of those volunteers, and institutional and agency representatives, has continued to make the Further Education sector in Alberta an enviable success story.

Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education, has indicated that in 1985, the participation rate for further education increased over 1984, the number of courses offered rose by 1.71%, which was accompanied by an increase of 2.22% in course hours. In addition, the Committee received thirty-one briefs and verbal presentations in the course of 1985-86 activities. The evidence suggests that there is a growing interest amongst Albertans in support of the continuing education concept.

Finally, the Committee wishes to thank the Minister of Advanced Education for the opportunity to meet with Albertans, and discuss Alberta's educational needs. The following Report reflects both the views and concerns of Albertans. This input is an essential component in the continued growth and development of further education in Alberta.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The following executive summary identifies the citizen, organization, or company that presented a submission to the Minister's Advisory Committee for consideration, as well as the recommendation pertaining to the submission. Those submissions which address similar concerns are grouped together according to nine categories:

A) Referrals
B) Alternate Delivery Systems/Consortia
C) Community Schools
D) Budget Concerns
E) Ceilings on Grants
F) Received as Information
G) Vocational Training
H) Literacy Programs
I) Other

Those briefs which are grouped together shall be followed by a recommendation pertaining to the entire grouping. Individual briefs which address specific issues are accompanied by a separate recommendation. The number in parenthesis preceding the Brief pertains to the order in which the Brief appears in the next section "Presentation Summaries and Recommendations".

(A) Referrals

(7) Lakeland College, Lloydminster (Blowsfield/Loewen)
Topic: 2nd-year university transfer program at Lakeland.

(8) Lakeland College, Lloydminster (Troniak/Lownie)
Topic: Lakeland College's long-term development stategy.

(12) Ms. Diana Almberg, Wainwright, Private Citizen
Topic: Difficulties for mature individuals in re-entering the post-secondary system.

(13) Lakeland College, Wainwright (Wayne Shillington)
Topic: Funding for Lakeland College's provision of consortia services in that region.

(6) Mr. Campbell Hancock, Lloydminster, Private Citizen
Topic: Equal graduate opportunities for students in the more remote areas of the province.

(4) Red Deer College, Red Deer, (Donna Allen)
Topic: The offering of 3rd & 4th year university courses.

Recommendation: The above-noted Briefs are to be referred to the Minister's Advisory Committees on University Affairs and College Affairs.

(5) The University of Calgary, Red Deer, (No Presenter)
Topic: Obtaining an off-campus Master of Library Science credit program for Bachelor of Library Science graduates in the three prairie provinces, by distance delivery systems.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Minister's Advisory Committee on University Affairs, as well as the Department of Culture.

(11) Wainwright School Division, Wainwright, (Bill Webb)
Topic: A Brief in support of the Community School concept presently in place in Alberta.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Community Schools, as well as the Deputy Minister of the Departments of Advanced Education, Education, Parks & Recreation and Culture.

(10) Wainwright & District Further Education Council, Wainwright, (Bernie Range)
Topic: Youth programming for local Further Education Councils.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Parks & Recreation, as well as the Department of Social Services.

(18) Association for Children & Adults with Learning Disabilities, Fort McMurray, (Joan Benoit)
Topic: Training for professionals in dealing with individuals who are learning disabled.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Education and the Learning Disabled Association, as well as the Minister's Advisory Committees on College Affairs and University Affairs.

(1) Eastpark Educational Opportunities Council, Red Deer, (Diana Almberg)
Topic: Effective use of funding to avoid duplicate programming.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be referred to Alberta Social Services for their information.

(17) **Keyano College, Fort McMurray Campus, (Gary Burns)**
Topic: A one-time special grant for the College's Visual & Developing Arts Centre.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Culture.

(29) **The Alberta Gas Ethylene Company Ltd., Jasper, (No Presenter)**
Topic: Training programs to meet industry's needs.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Advanced Education.

(2) **Flowers Canada Ltd., Red Deer, (Jacques Descurieux)**
Topic: Training programs for small businesses addressing small business needs.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Manpower.

(B) <u>Alternate Delivery Systems</u>

The following Briefs address issues pertaining to the delivery of educational programming in remote areas of the province.

(5) **The University of Calgary, Red Deer, (No Presenter)**
Topic: Obtaining an off-campus Masters of Library Science credit program for Bachelor of Library Science graduates, in the three prairie provinces, by utilizing distance delivery systems.

(6) **Mr. Campbell Hancock, Lloydminster, Private Citizen**
Topic: Equal graduate study opportunities for students in the more remote areas of the province.

Recommendation: That universities in Alberta consider alternative methods for the delivery of graduate programs in rural Alberta, with particular attention to the easing of residency requirements.

(7) **Lakeland College, Lloydminster, (Blowsfield/Loewen)**
Topic: 2nd-year university transfer program at Lakeland.

Recommendation: That the Department of Advanced Education examine the possibility of funding second-year university transfer courses at Lakeland College, as the need is demonstrated.

(8) **Lakeland College, Lloydminster, (Troniak/Lownie)**
Topic: Lakeland College's long-term development stategy, as well as the College's consortium activities.

(13) **Lakeland College, Wainwright, (Wayne Shillington)**
Topic: Funding for Lakeland College's provision of consortium services in that region.

RECOMMENDATION: That financial support be established to facilitate the provision of credit courses by post-secondary institutions and Further Education Councils in areas where this support is not presently provided.

(C) Community Schools

(11) **Wainwright School Division, Wainwright, (Bill Webb)**
Topic: Support for Community Schools in Alberta.

(31) **Lifelong Learning Association, Red Deer, (Member)**
Topic: Support for the Community School concept in Alberta.

Recommendation: That the Brief be referred to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Community Schools, as well as the Deputy Minister of the Departments of Advanced Education, Education, Parks & Recreation and Culture.

(D) Budget

The following two Briefs address the issue of adequate financial compensation for Further Education Coordinators.

(14) **Fort McMurray Further Education Council, Fort McMurray, (Kathy Baker)**
Topic: Adequate financial compensation for Further Education Council Coordinators.

(22) Edson Service Areas Further Education Council, Edson, (Vera Calvert)
Topic: Adequate financial compensation for Further Education Council Coordinators.

Recommendation: That the appropriate salary and benefit packages be established to ensure the continuation of the essential leadership role of Coordinators.

The following Briefs address the issue of the limited flexibility of Further Education Counicls due to the present funding policy.

(23) The Town of Edson, Edson, (Laura Milloit)
Topic: The present Further Education funding policy is inhibiting the performance of the Further Education Council.

(30) County of Minburn Further Education Council, Vegreville, (Rona Davies)
Topic: Reviewing the present administrative funding policy.

(21) Fort Chipewyan Further Education Council, Fort Chipewyan, (Jeanne McIntyre)
Topic: Changing the Further Education administrative funding policy.

Recommendation: That the Minister direct Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education, to undertake a study on the impact of the present funding policy on Further Education Councils, and that recommendations relative to this investigation be formulated for the Minister's consideration.

(E) <u>Ceilings on Grants</u>

The following Briefs address the issue of Administrative and Programming grant ceilings.

(3) Edmonton Association of Continuing Education in Recreation, Red Deer, (Orval Henderson)
Topic: Fixed grant ceilings.

(22) Edson Further Education Council, Edson, (Vera Calvert)
Topic: Increasing the Administrative grant ceiling.

(23) The Town of Edson, Edson, (Laura Milloit)
Topic: Raising the Administrative and Programming grant ceilings.

(15) Fort McMurray Music Festival, Fort McMurray, (Kay Sherman)
Topic: Blending Administrative and Programming grants.

Recommendation: That consideration be given to increasing the funds available to meet administrative costs by blending the Administrative and Programming grants, or by lifting the grant ceilings.

(F) Received as Information

The following Briefs were received by the Minister's Advisory Committee as information.

(9) Mr. George Van der Loos, Lloydminster, Private Citizen
Topic: Greater adult education flexibility within the present educational system.

(24) Edmonton Association of Continuing Education in Recreation, Jasper, (Peggy Quinney)
Topic: A Further Education networking system.

(27) Calgary Further Education Council, Jasper, (Arlene McKay)
Topic: The "Network of Urban Further Education Councils".

Recommendation: Received as information.

(G) Vocational Training

The following Briefs address the issue of increasing the number of targeted vocational training programs available.

(2) Flowers Canada Ltd., Red Deer, (Jacques Descurieux)
Topic: Training programs for small businesses addressing small business needs.

(4) Red Deer College, Red Deer, (Donna Allen)
Topic: Job-related credits, and the increasing demand for small business operations related courses.

(13) Lakeland College, Wainwright, (Wayne Shillington)
Topic: Funding for Lakeland College's provision of consortium services in their region.

(20) Cree-Chipewyan Development Corporation, Fort Chipewyan, (Simon Waquan)
Topic: Academic upgrading and training in the skills & trades to meet the needs of the local residents.

Recommendation: That Alberta Advanced Education examine the possibility of changing the Further Education policy guidelines to assist isolated, remote or rural Councils to respond to vocational training needs not available through conventional channels.

(H) Literacy Programs

The following Briefs address the issue of adequate Literacy program funding.

(26) Leduc Further Education Council, Jasper, (Velen Melin)
Topic: Adequate Adult Literacy Program funding.

(19) Keyano College, Fort Chipewyan Campus, (Nora Flett)
Topic: Concern with the present Local Hosting Authority's fiscal year and its ability to offer Literacy Programs.

Recommendation: That the Minister of Advanced Education recognize the vital service that Literacy Programs provide those who are illiterate, and that the Government strengthen its financial commitment to eliminate illiteracy in Alberta.

(I) Other

The following Briefs address issues not covered within the previous eight categories.

(16) Northern Lights Calligraphy Club, Fort McMurray, (Judy Golanski)
Topic: Greater visibility of local Further Education Councils within the community.

Recommendation: That Alberta Advanced Education develop a public relations program to celebrate the unparalled success of Further Education in Alberta. Such a program would (a) increase public awareness of existing programs of the Further Education Councils, and (b) illustrate the asset of further education to existing and potential businesses in Alberta.

(23) The Town of Edson, Edson, (Laura Milloit)
Topic: Increase of non-credit courses, greater communication between Further Education Councils and Consortia, academic upgrading for youth (16-24 years).

Recommendation: That a letter be sent to Further Education Services, and Program Planning and Development, Alberta Advanced Education, requesting that a representative from the Department visit the Town of Edson to discuss these concerns.

(28) Strathcona Further Education Council, Jasper, (Anne Ryan)
Topic: Training or upgrading programs made available for Further Education non-credit instructors.

Recommendation: That a system of training non-credit Further Education instructors be established.

(25) Athabasca Further Education Council, Jasper, (Mari-Agnes Cardinal)
Topic: Recognition for volunteers in Further Education by providing tax credits.

Recommendation: Request that the Minister of Advanced Education recommend to Cabinet that consideration be given to instituting tax credits for volunteers in education, to encourage and facilitate new and continuing volunteerism.

(17) Keyano College, Fort McMurray, (Gary Burns)
Topic: A one-time special grant for the College's Visual & Developing Arts Centre.

Recommendation: That Keyano College investigate establishing a Society or "Friends of" the Arts Centre, to qualify for additional funding.

More specific information pertaining to the substance, and the recommendation for the Briefs is provided in **Presentation Summaries and Recommendations.**

PRESENTATION

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Red Deer Fall AACE Conference Public Meeting, Oct. 28, 1985.

1) Eastpark Educational Opportunities Council, Ms. Diana Almberg

SUMMARY: This Council is comprised of several agencies. The full-time Coordinator facilitates the program in both Further Education and Family & Community Support Services (F.C.S.S.). There is a sub-committee which makes recommendations to the Council on human needs issues.

Further Education and F.C.S.S. work together as one council to meet the community's needs. The Council feels the network is effectively meeting these needs.

Ms. Almberg suggested that such community initiatives not be curtailed but encouraged, and that in many areas Community Services should work together to ensure that finances are used effectively in preventing duplication of services.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be referred to Alberta Social Services for their information.

2) Jacques R. Descurieux, Consultant, Flowers Canada

SUMMARY: Mr. Descurieux's Brief expressed a concern in three areas;
(1) More money required for training/retraining of small business staff through Further Education,
(2) That Further Education rearrange priorities - disproportionate share of available funds going to programs such as Adult Basic Literacy, English as a Second Language, and Senior Citizens.
(3) That Advanced Education initiate a major analysis study of the small business community.

RECOMMENDATION: That the brief be referred to the Department of Manpower as information, and that Alberta Advanced Education examine the possibility of changing the Further Education policy guidelines to assist isolated, remote or rural Councils to respond to vocational training needs not available through conventional channels.

3) Edmonton Association for Continuing Education and Recreation (EACER)

SUMMARY: Mr. Orval Henderson, President of EACER, presented the Association's Brief. Mr. Henderson was recommending to the Committee that there be a review of the fixed ceilings on grants. Without a fixed ceiling Council's could assign funding more effectively, depending on the needs of each Council's clientele and the mix of courses provided.

RECOMMENDATION: That consideration be given to increasing the funds available to meet administrative costs by blending the administrative and programming grants, or by lifting the grant ceilings.

4) Dr. Donna Allen, Red Deer College, Red Deer

SUMMARY: Dr. Donna Allen, Academic Vice-President of Red Deer College, presented the College's Brief which addressed the following concerns. The College has become involved in offering credit programming at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The College encourages consideration of additional funding to allow for the administration costs of brokering programs, providing access of opportunity for credit banking of short courses and workshops towards credit certificates, and the development of distance delivery strategies for course and program offerings. A concern was also expressed that Community School funding should always be kept separate from Further Education Council funding.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be received as information, and that financial support be established to facilitate the provision of credit courses by post-secondary institutions and Further Education Councils in areas where this support is not presently provided.

5) University of Calgary, Library, (No Presenter)

SUMMARY: The Brief expressed a problem in obtaining an off-campus credit program enabling Bachelor of Library Science (B.L.S.) graduates to upgrade to a Master of Library Science (M.L.S.). The Faculty of Library Science

in Edmonton was supposed to address the needs of all the prairie provinces, but because of funding problems the needs are not being met. The Brief requests financial help to setup off-campus and summer programs. The Brief suggested that the program be administered from the University of Calgary.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be referred to the Advisory Committee on University Affairs for further study, and that it also be sent to the Minister of Advanced Education with a recommendation that the Brief be forwarded to the Minister of Culture for information.

Lloydminster Public Meeting February 24, 1986

6) Mr. Campbell Hancock, Lloydminster, Private Citizen

SUMMARY: Mr. Campbell Hancock presented the Brief on behalf of Ms. Maxine Hancock. The Brief addressed the issue of equal opportunities for graduate studies throughout Alberta. Six main points were raised concerning this issue. There exists the need for more flexibility of (a) transfer of credits, (b) delivery modes, (c) on-site delivery, (d) student entry requirements, (e) residency requirements, and (f) life experience recognition.

RECOMMENDATION: That universities in Alberta consider alternative methods for the delivery of graduate programs in rural Alberta with particular attention to the easing of residency requirements.

7) Mr. Blaire Bowsfield & Mr. Merv Loewen, Lakeland College

SUMMARY: Mr. Bowsfield and Mr. Loewen presented a Brief addressing their concerns pertaining to university transfer programs. Specifically, that Lakeland College be given the opportunity to provide access to university transfer programs as do other colleges.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Department of Advanced Education look into funding second-year university transfer courses at Lakeland College, as the need is demonstrated.

8) Mr. Brian Troniak & Mr. Tom Lownie, Lakeland College

SUMMARY: Mr. Brian Troniak, Acting Vice-President, and Mr. Tom Lownie presented a Brief which was an analysis of the current status and long-term plans at Lakeland College. A particular issue which arose from the presentation dealt with Lakeland College's consortium activities.

RECOMMENDATION: The Brief be referred to the Minister's Advisory Committees on University Affairs and College Affairs. Also, that financial support be established to facilitate the provision of credit courses by post-secondary institutions and Further Education Councils in areas where this support is not presently provided.

9) Mr. George Van der Loos, Private Citizen

SUMMARY: Mr. George Van der Loos of Lloydminster presented a Brief which dealt with maintaining maximum flexibility in the provision of adult education.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be received as information

Wainwright Public Meeting February 25, 1986

10) Mr. Bernie Range & Ms. Fay Tyler, Wainwright and District Further Education Council

SUMMARY: Mr. Bernie Range presented the Brief on behalf of the Further Education Council. The Council's concern dealt with further education programs available for youth between the ages of fourteen and eighteen years of age. The local Council would like greater flexibility in offering programs to area residents, rather than narrow definitions.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be forwarded to Alberta Parks and Recreation, as well as Social Services, for their consideration.

11) Mr. Bill Webb, Superintendent, Wainwright School Division

SUMMARY: Mr. Bill Webb presented a Brief which offered support for the Community School concept, as well as the services which Community Schools provide in the region. However, he did express his concern that the Community School Coordinator not take on the role of the Further Education Coordinator.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends the continuation of Government support for Community Schools in Alberta. In addition, the Brief shall be sent to the Inter-Departmental Committee on Community Schools and the Deputy Minister of the Departments of Advanced Education, Education, Parks & Recreation and Culture.

12) Ms. Diana Almberg, Private Citizen

SUMMARY: Ms. Almberg wanted to make the Committee aware of the psychological, and to some degree the physical barriers which inhibit mature individuals from enroling in post-secondary institutions. In addition, Ms. Almberg would like recognition given to work experience, in the form of credit, toward a student's particular degree.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minister's Advisory Committees on College Affairs and University Affairs, be informed that there are adults facing difficulties in obtaining information on accessing post-secondary institutions, and that individuals are requesting recognition for work experience in the form of credits.

13) Mr. Wayne Shillington, Dean of Regions, Lakeland College, Fort Kent Campus

SUMMARY: Mr. Shillington presented a Brief dealing with the consortia services offered by Lakeland College. Specifically, that Lakeland College provides many of the programs which are usually provided by Consortia in other communities, without receiving the formal funding for such services.

RECOMMENDATION: That financial support be established to facilitate the provision of credit courses by post-secondary institutions and Further Education Councils in areas where this support is not presently provided. In addition, the Brief shall be referred to the Minister's Advisory Committees on University Affairs and College Affairs.

Fort McMurray Public Meeting April 7, 1986

14) Ms. Kathy Baker, Regional Officer, Athabasca University, Member - Fort McMurray Further Education Council

SUMMARY: Ms. Baker's Brief addressed the issue of volunteers and Further Education Coordinators being taken advantage of by minimal financial compensation, receiving no benefits and having limited administrative funds to work with. By re-allocating $13,000 to the administrative grant and bringing the total allotment to $27,500, the coordinator could receive $18,000 per year with appropriate benefits.

RECOMMENDATION: Volunteers and paid Further Education Coordinators have made a significant contribution to the growth of Further Education in Alberta. The Committee recommends that an appropriate salary and benefit package be established to ensure the continuation of their essential leadership role. In addition, recognition should also be given to the efforts of the Local Hosting Authorities in the provision of further education.

15) Ms. Kay Sherman, Fort McMurray Music Festival

SUMMARY: Ms. Jay Buis, Coordinator for the Fort McMurray Further Education Council presented the Brief on Ms. Sherman's behalf. The Brief dealt primarily with the funding practices of the Further Education Councils. The point was raised that in 1979 the Minister indicated he would blend instructional and administrative grants to allow Councils more flexibility with available funds. This was never implemented. The intent of the Brief was for Councils to be given the authority to disperse the funds from these two grants as they see fit. The Brief stressed increased flexibility in the allocation of funds as opposed to increased funding.

RECOMMENDATION: That existing Administrative and Programming grants be blended into one fund, and that Further Education Councils, excluding Edmonton and Calgary, be granted the authority to distribute this unified grant into any of the following areas; (a) program support, (b) administrative support, and (c) leadership training support.

16) Ms. Judy Golanski, President, Northern Lights Calligraphers Club

SUMMARY: Ms. Golanski's Brief recommended that local Further Education Councils should have a higher profile in the community in order that organizations, such as the Calligraphy Club, are aware of the Council's presence, as well as the funding available through the Further Education Council. In addition, Further Education Coordinators should be more available to community organizations which require information and assistance to coordinate programming.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Department of Advanced Education develop a public relations program to celebrate the unparalleled success of Further Education in Alberta. Such a program would (a) increase public awareness of existing programs of the Further Education Councils, and (b) illustrate the asset that further education is to existing and potential businesses in Alberta.

17) Mr. Gary Burns, Boardmember, Board of Governors, Keyano College, Fort McMurray Campus

SUMMARY: Mr. Burns' Brief primarily dealt with the need for a one-time special grant for the new Visual & Developing Arts Centre, and its benefit to the community if the appropriate funding is brought forth.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be sent to the Department of Culture for their consideration, and that the College investigate setting up a Society or "Friends of" the Arts Centre, in order to qualify for additional funding.

18) Ms. Joan Benoit, President, Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities

SUMMARY: Ms. Benoit's Brief expressed her concern that teaching staff are not provided the proper training to recognize individuals with learning disabilities. Early diagnosis and proper testing could alleviate many difficulties children and adults face in pursuing educational development. Funding for proper training and testing is not adequate to address the problem. Presently there is the need for in-service training and appropriate curriculums for those who are, and will be entering the work force to better prepare these individuals to recognize and assist children and adults with learning disabilities.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be referred to the Department of Education and the Alberta Learning Disabled Association. In addition, the Brief shall also be referred to the Minister's Advisory Committees on College Affairs and University Affairs.

Fort Chipewyan Public Meeting April 8, 1986

19) Ms. Nora Flett, Member, Board of Governors, Keyano College, Fort Chipewyan Campus

SUMMARY: The change in the fiscal year for local Hosting Authorities is causing extreme difficulties in the fiscal and administrative planning of Literacy Programs.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minister of Advanced Education recognize the vital service that Literacy Programs provide those who are illiterate, and that the Government strengthen its financial commitment to eliminate illiteracy in Alberta. In addition, that consideration be given to solving the difficulties that have arisen due to the present fiscal year.

20) Mr. Simon Waquan, General Manager, Cree-Chipewyan Development Corporation

SUMMARY: Mr. Waquan's presentation expressed his concern that a large group of the adults in the community are in need of retraining due to leaving the educational system at an early age, resulting in second and third generation welfare recipients. The survey, undertaken by the community, indicates a need for trades-oriented and

living skills programs in Fort Chipewyan in order to instill pride of self and self sufficiency, while maintaining community and family support systems. Shipping families to Fort McMurray has created both financial and social hardships. Unlike most communities, Fort Chipewyan has the facilities for schooling plus teacher accommodation. At least two make-work programs have been attempted without consideration given to the needs and wants of the community. The community members wish to develop and utilize their own Native counsellor's resources and expertise.

PREAMBLE TO RECOMMENDATION: The importance of this proposal centres on the Native community itself undertaking the pilot project in order to assure the implementation of a program suitable to Native heritage and needs. The present system for the presentation of programs geared to Canadian populations, other than Native, has seemingly failed the Native populations. The Minister's Advisory Committee sees this method of program administration as meeting the essentials of Native growth and rehabilitation.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minister of Advanced Education give serious consideration to the development of a pilot project in Fort Chipewyan to provide educational upgrading, with emphasis on trades and living skills programs. The Committee also recommends that Indian Affairs, the Native Secretariat, Canadian Job Strategy, and Keyano College jointly develop and fund this project.

21) Ms. Jeanne McIntyre, Coordinator, Fort Chipewyan Further Education Council

SUMMARY: Ms. McIntyre's Brief dealt with the local Further Education Council's desire to have the Minister change the Further Education funding policy so as to have no monetary limit per instructional hour for regular programming. The onus should be placed on each Council to decide the grant per instructional hour per course, and still remain within the yearly allocation for programming.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minister direct Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education, to undertake a study on the impact of the present funding policy on Further Education Councils, and that recommendations relative to this investigation be formulated for the Minister's consideration.

Edson Public Meeting April 26, 1986

22) Ms. Vera Calvert, Coordinator, Edson Service Areas Further Education Council

SUMMARY: Ms. Calvert's Brief addressed her concern that additional funding should be provided under the Administrative Grant in order that Further Education Council Coordinators could receive compensation equitable to the amount of work required by the position. In addition, youth programming should be brought within the mandate of rural Further Education Councils, as well as lifting the ceiling on Programming Grants.

RECOMMENDATION: That consideration be given to increasing the funds available to meet administrative costs by blending the administrative and programming grants, or by lifting the ceilings. In addition, that financial compensation, in line with the responsibilities assigned, be given to Further Education Council Coordinators.

23) Ms. Laura Milloit, Town of Edson, Culture & Recreation Coordinator

SUMMARY: Ms. Milloit's Brief addressed the following issues;
(1) The present ceiling is not recognizing the growth which is occuring both in the population and in demand for programming,
(2) The 20% holdback is inhibiting the functioning of the Further Education Council. It was felt that either the final payment should be made before the end of February or change the financial year to the Government fiscal year,
(3) The Further Education Council should take an active roll in co-operation with the Community, Public and Separate Schools to increase academic upgrading programming to assist youth (16-24 years),
(4) An increase in educational courses of a non-credit nature should be made available,
(5) There is a need to improve the communication between the Further Education Council and Consortia to prevent duplication of services in the community.

RECOMMENDATION: That consideration be given to increasing the funds available to meet administrative costs by blending the administrative and programming grants, or by lifting the grant ceilings. In addition, that a letter be sent to Further Education Services and Program Planning and Development, Alberta Advanced Education, requesting that a representative from the Department visit Edson to discuss the Town of Edson's concerns.

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24) Ms. Peggy Quinney, President, Edmonton Association of Continuing Education in Recreation (EACER)

SUMMARY: EACER shares its history of fifteen years and two aspects of its forward-looking process. These two aspects are;
(1) Strategic Planning which addresses the dual focus of an association (under the Societies Act) and a Further Education Council in an urban setting,
(2) Establishment of linkages with neighbouring Councils and participation in the "Urban Council Network" hosted by Calgary.

RECOMMENDATION: Received as information.

25) Ms. Mari-Agnes Cardinal, Member, Athabasca Further Education Council

SUMMARY: Ms. Cardinal's presentation focuses upon volunteers, who are a segment of our population long overdue for recognition, receiving at least some compensation in the way of tax credits. Manitoba and various U.S. states have already taken steps in this direction.

RECOMMENDATION: Request that the Minister of Advanced Education consider recommending to Cabinet that consideration be given to instituting tax credits for volunteers in education to encourage and facilitate new and continuing volunteerism.

26) Ms. Velen Melin, Literacy Coordinator, Leduc Further Education Council

SUMMARY: As our society matures, there is an increased need to meet the ongoing education of adults who have come out of the educational system without having established the fundamentals of reading and writing. "Under-educated" adults seldom have pleasant memories of formal education, resulting, in many instances, in feelings of inadequacy, embarassment and frustration. School for the under-achiever is often something to escape from. Now that the provision has been made for adults to turn to literacy programs, there is an ongoing need to maintain and expand these services. The Leduc Further Education Council asks that the Minister of Advanced Education look at the allotment of funding in the Literacy area, and reaffirm or increase the Department's commitment. Financial support is essential to continued growth and success of the projects in existence and those yet to come.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Minister of Advanced Education recognize the vital service that Literacy Programs provide those who are illiterate, and that the Government strengthen its financial commitment to eliminate illiteracy in Alberta.

27) Ms. Arlene McKay, Chairman, Calgary Further Education Council

SUMMARY: The Brief by the Calgary Further Education Council was presented on behalf of Alberta Urban Further Education Councils. Recently, a "Network of Urban Further Education Councils" was formed. The Urban Further Education Councils do not engage in the provision of direct programming, they are only coordinating-facilitating bodies. Therefore, they are merely requesting that recognition and support be given to their networking system.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be received as information, and that the concept of the "Network of Urban Further Education Councils" be supported.

28) Ms. Anne Ryan, Chairperson, Strathcona Further Education Council

SUMMARY: The Strathcona Further Education Council Brief re-addressed the need for a system of training non-credit, Further Education instructors. (The concept for such a system was presented to the Minister's Advisory Committee on Further Education in April 1984.) These men and women have skills and knowledge they are willing to share with others on a part-time basis, however, they lack instructional resource materials and training in effective instructional techniques. Based upon the different types of instructors it was felt a tier or level system be implemented into their training. It was recommended that: (1) the curriculum address only the generic skills of teaching adults, (2) training be made available to every instructor province-wide, (3) within a certain time all instructors be responsible for holding proof of training, (4) a system be established to support instructors of adults.

RECOMMENDATION: That a system of training non-credit Further Education instructors be established.

29) Ms. Ede Duckering, Training Specialist, The Alberta Gas Ethylene Company Ltd., Red Deer

SUMMARY: The Brief was sent to the Minister's Advisory Committee for consideration, no verbal presentation was made at the Jasper Public Meeting. This Brief focuses on educational needs of adults employed in the oil and gas industry. At present, education is institution-centered, thus courses are designed to accommodate the institution's needs rather than the learner's needs. The Alberta Gas Ethylene Company Ltd. proposes that learner-needs should be the focal point. The individual, then, could select a program and delivery system most suitable to his/her needs. Courses would be based upon formal criteria and evaluation methodology leading to a degree or diploma.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Department of Advanced Education investigate the current concerns by industry training centres as they inter-face with post-secondary institutions. The industry training centres could provide the courses, and the post-secondary institutions would be responsible for providing the credits.

30) The County of Minburn Further Education Council

SUMMARY: The County of Minburn Further Education Council presentation was received earlier in the year by letter, thus no verbal presentation was made at the Jasper Public Meeting. The Brief raises concerns regarding the rising administrative costs for Further Education Councils and the resulting diminishing level of courses offered. The Council requested an analysis of the present funding policy and the disparity in the funding allocation, which they feel should be based upon the population count.

Recommendation: That the Minister direct Further Education Services, Alberta Advanced Education, to undertake a study on the impact of the present funding policy on Further Education Councils, and that recommendations relative to this investigation be formulated for the Minister's consideration.

31) Lifelong Learning Association, Lethbridge

SUMMARY: At the 1985 Fall AACE Conference, Red Deer, an official of the Lifelong Learning Association presented and discussed their Brief which dealt with the present Community School program. The Association supports the concept of Community Schools in Alberta and looks forward to the continuation of the program.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Brief be forwarded to the Inter-Departmental Committee as support in the evaluation of the Community School program, as well as the Deputy Minister of the four relevant Government departments.

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(2) MR. JACQUES R. DESCURIEUX

(3) EDMONTON ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION & RECREATION

(4) RED DEER COLLEGE

(5) THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY

(6) MR. CAMPBELL HANCOCK

(7) LAKELAND COLLEGE, LLOYDMINSTER CAMPUS

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(9) MR. GEORGE VAN DER LOOS

(10) WAINWRIGHT & DISTRICT FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(11) WAINWRIGHT SCHOOL DIVISION

(12) MS. DIANA ALMBERG

(13) LAKELAND COLLEGE, WAINWRIGHT CAMPUS

(14) FORT MCMURRAY FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(15) FORT MCMURRAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

(16) NORTHERN LIGHTS CALLIGRAPHY CLUB

(17) KEYANO COLLEGE, FORT MCMURRAY CAMPUS

(18) ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

(19) KEYANO COLLEGE, FORT CHIPEWYAN CAMPUS

(20) CREE-CHIPEWYAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

(21) FORT CHIPEWYAN FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(22) EDSON SERVICE AREAS FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(23) THE TOWN OF EDSON

(24) EDMONTON ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION & RECREATION

(25) ATHABASCA FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(26) LEDUC FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(27) CALGARY FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(28) STRATHCONA FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(29) THE ALBERTA GAS ETHYLENE COMPANY LTD.

(30) COUNTY OF MINBURN FURTHER EDUCATION COUNCIL

(31) LIFELONG LEARNING ASSOCIATION, LETHBRIDGE